

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A specimen dispensing system comprising:

conveying means for conveying a master specimen
container containing a specimen and a required number
5 of empty slave specimen containers on a conveyor lane,
the master and slave specimen containers being aligned
in a conveyance direction;

stopping means for temporarily stopping the master
and slave specimen containers when the master and slave
10 specimen containers reach a position under a dispensing
nozzle in a dispensing unit; and

dispensing means for removing the specimen from
the master specimen container by the dispensing nozzle
when the master specimen container is temporarily
15 stopped in the position under the dispensing nozzle by
the stopping means and dispensing the specimen to the
slave specimen containers when the slave specimen
containers are temporarily stopped in the position
under the dispensing nozzle.

20 2. The specimen dispensing system according to
claim 1, wherein the specimen is dispensed to the slave
specimen containers from the master specimen container
on the conveyor lane concurrently with dispensing
operations on other conveyor lanes.